



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

November 7, 2005

TO: INTERESTED PARTIES
FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICER / APCO
SUBJECT: **PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION 8, RULE 44: MARINE VESSEL LOADING TERMINALS; RULE 46: MARINE TANK VESSEL TO MARINE TANK VESSEL LOADING; and MANUAL OF PROCEDURES, VOLUME IV, ST-34: BULK AND MARINE LOADING TERMINALS – VAPOR RECOVERY UNITS**

On **Wednesday, December 7, 2005**, the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of proposed amendments to **Regulation 8: Organic Compounds, Rule 44: Marine Vessel Loading Terminals; Rule 46: Marine Tank Vessel to Marine Tank Vessel Loading; and Manual of Procedures, Volume IV, ST-34: Bulk and Marine Loading Terminals – Vapor Recovery Units**, and to consider approval of a CEQA Negative Declaration. The hearing will be held in the 7th floor Board Room of the District Office, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco. **District Board meetings commence at 9:45 a.m.**

Regulation 8, Rule 44 regulates emissions to the atmosphere from the loading of organic liquids into marine cargo tank vessels. Rule 46 regulates emissions from the transfer of organic liquids between marine cargo tank vessels. The proposed amendments to Rule 44:

- Reduce the allowable organic vapor leak standard for equipment and connections associated with loading activities;
- Expand the applicability of the rule to include loading of organic chemicals;
- Require control of organic vapors during cleaning, purging and gas freeing of cargo tanks on vessels;
- Require collection and submission of data on cargos not regulated by the rule, and;
- Consolidate the requirements of Rule 46 into Rule 44. The proposed amendments would delete Rule 46.
- Add definitions and make minor clarifying changes.

In addition, the proposed amendments to ST-34 correct temperature and pressure standardization errors in some equations and adds a requirement that, in some situations, gas constituent average concentrations shall be determined on a flow-weighted basis.

The proposed amendments to Regulation 8, Rule 44, 46 and the draft California Environmental Quality Act Negative Declaration are available on the District's web site at http://www.baaqmd.gov/pln/ruledev/regulatory_public_hearings.asp. Copies of these documents may also be requested by calling Lilia Martinez at (415) 749-4664.

Comments on the proposed amendments and draft Negative Declaration should be directed to Julian Elliot, Senior Air Quality Engineer, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California, 94109, telephone (415) 749-4705 fax (415) 749-4741, or e-mail at jelliot@baaqmd.gov. **Written comments on the regulatory proposal and draft Negative Declaration will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 28, 2005.**